

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David A. Blumenthal (Reg. 26,257) on March 16, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

(I) Claim 7: add - -, wherein the said ceramic is formed of a strontium-vanadium oxide - -, after "element", line 6 (at the end of the claim).

(II) Claim 8: Cancel.

(III) Claim 14: add - -, wherein the said ceramic is formed of a strontium-vanadium oxide - -, after "element", line 9 (at the end of the claim).

(IV) Claim 15: Cancel.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention discloses an oxide high-temperature superconducting wire comprising an oxide superconductor coated with a high resistance element formed of strontium-

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vanadium oxide. An oxide high-temperature superconducting wire coated with a high resistance element formed of strontium-vanadium oxide is not disclosed by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Claims 1 and 39 directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Official Gazette notice dated March 26, 1996 (1184 O.G. 86), claims 21-29, directed to the process of making or using the patentable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are now subject to being rejoined. Further, claims 7, 10-11, 13-14, 16-20 and 30-38, includes all the limitation of the generic claims 39, are now subject to being rejoined, too. Claims 7, 10-11, 13-14 and 16-38 are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Since all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, the restriction requirement made is hereby withdrawn.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ishwar (I. B.) Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 1933. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30 - 5:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272 1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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